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ICC-192/PCT/US
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Karl-Heinz Ritter, et al.)
Application No.: 10/069,879)
Filing Date: March 1, 2002)
For: PROCESS FOR ATTACHING THE OIL:)
SUMP TO AN ENGINE BLOCK OF AN)
INTERNAL COMBUSTION VEHICLE : July 25, 2002

Examiner: NYA
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) mailed July 8, 2002 in the subject application (copy enclosed as Exhibit 1), Petitioners respectfully submit the following:

1. Required Reply. The required reply which was due to be filed on July 25, 2001 was in fact filed on March 1, 2002. That is, a submission for entry into the National Phase in the United States was filed, together with an authorization to charge the filing fee to Deposit Account 12-2135. The

Commissioner is again expressly authorized to charge that fee and any other fee in connection with the entry into the National Phase to that deposit account. The deposit account has sufficient funds to cover all fees due in connection with entering the National Phase and the Petition.

2. Petition Fee. A Petition for Revival of Application Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was filed on March 21, 2002 (copy attached as Exhibit 2). The Commissioner was expressly authorized in that Petition to charge the fee due in connection therewith to that deposit account.

3. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of July 25, 2001 until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the dismissal of the Decision on Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) and granting thereof are respectfully requested.

Petitioners' undersigned attorney may be reached by
telephone at (860) 571-5001 or by facsimile at (860) 571-5028.
All correspondence should be directed to the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Bauman', written over a horizontal line.

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